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TO : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Weekly Summary of Trieste Developments

Agreement was reached this week between the American, British, Italian, and Yugoslav delegates in London to initial on 5 October the memorandum of understanding, thus bringing to a successful conclusion the London talks on Trieste initiated eight months ago. Following resolution of the territorial impasse last week, all the remaining issues were settled quickly. Barring unforeseen developments, the communique announcing the initialling will be released the afternoon of 5 October accompanied by the full text of the memorandum and all of the annexes, except the exchange of letters regarding the financial settlement, the letter regarding the amount of money the Italians will provide for cultural houses, and the exchange of letters between the Italians and the West concerning the Slovene credit institute in Trieste. (The final text of the memorandum has not yet been received by this office.)

Following the initialling of the memorandum of understanding, there will be a period of about twenty-one days before the Italians assume responsibility for the area that they will receive. During this period, a boundary demarcation party will commence work, and the Italian representative who is to take over from General Winterton, as well as small parties of Italian police and military personnel in civilian clothes, will enter the area for briefing purposes. Not until the last few days of this period will uniformed Italian troops enter the area. By then most of the Allied troops will have departed, and the rest will be evacuated immediately after the final handover ceremonies. Simultaneously the full complement of Italian troops will arrive and the Italians will assume full responsibility for the area.

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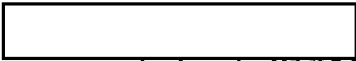
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It is almost inevitable that demonstrations in Trieste will follow both the 5 October announcement and the later ceremonies. The possibility of violence, however, will depend on the action taken by the Communists and the activist groups of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI). There is also the possibility that some elements of the population may seize on these occasions as opportunities to seek revenge on members of the Trieste police force. The Trieste center parties will in all probability grudgingly accept the partition settlement and refrain from initiating any violence protesting it.


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